

Dreaming of Mars

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High school students from 53 high schools and 35 school districts had Mars on the mind recently. The students spent two nights at JSC participating in the Fourth Annual Mars Settlement Design Competition, a highlight of JSC's annual Engineers Week activities. An industry simulation game for high school students set in an imaginary mid-21st Century scenario, the competition emulates the experience of working as a member of an aerospace company team, developing a design and operating proposal for a large human settlement on Mars. Above, an exhausted student gets some much-needed sleep in the Teague Auditorium, while other students are shown studying the map of Mars to decide where to locate their proposed base.